

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-11, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Please add new Claims 12-15, as follows.

12. (New) A process for forming images comprising:

- (i) a conducting step of conducting recording on a recording medium provided with an image-receiving layer;
- (ii) a providing step of providing thermoplastic resin particles onto the image-receiving layer on which recording has been conducted in step (i); and
- (iii) a heating and pressurizing step of heating and pressurizing the thermoplastic resin particles onto the image-receiving layer to flatten the thermoplastic resin particles.

13. (New) A process for forming images comprising:

- (i) a conducting step of conducting recording on a recording medium provided with an image-receiving layer;
- (ii) a providing step of providing thermoplastic resin particles onto the image-receiving layer on which recording has been conducted in step (i);
- (iii) a heating and pressurizing step of heating and pressurizing the thermoplastic resin particles onto the image-receiving layer; and

(iv) a filming step of filming the image receiving layer with the thermoplastic resin.

14. (New) A process according to claim 12, wherein the average diameter of the thermoplastic resin particles is in the range of 0.05 to 3 μm .

15. (New) A process according to claim 13, wherein the average diameter of the thermoplastic resin particles is in the range of 0.05 to 3 μm .